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Potential Section 5311 Applicants
San Francisco Bay Area

RE: FY 2011 Section 5311 Call for Projects

Dear Prospective Applicant:

MTC is currently soliciting projects for FY 2011 for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Nonurbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) program for the San Francisco Bay Area region. Eligible applicants include public agencies, non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes. These funds are available for capital and operating expenses for general public transportation services in nonurbanized areas, that is, any area outside designated urbanized areas. A map of the Bay Area's designated urbanized areas is enclosed as Attachment D. **All funding requests must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on December 23, 2010.**

MTC annually develops a regional Program of Projects (POP) for submittal to Caltrans. Caltrans then submits a statewide POP to FTA for approval. In this current solicitation, MTC is seeking to program one year of FY 2011 funds.

Caltrans has instructed MTC to prepare the regional POP under the assumption that the amount of funds available in FY 2011 will be equal to the amount of funds available in FY 2010. The actual FY 2011 apportionments have not yet been released by FTA. The estimated amount of Nonurbanized Area funds available for the MTC region is \$1,236,881.

Should the actual regional apportionments be lower or higher than the amount estimated to be available, project sponsors will be notified and adjustments may be made in order to financially constrain the program.

One funding request form should be completed for each project. The funding request form is enclosed as Attachment A, and can also be downloaded from MTC's website: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/funding/FTA/>

MTC staff will screen and evaluate all proposals received based on the Funding Objectives and Criteria contained in Attachment B. The Funding Objectives and Criteria for FY 2011 are consistent with those used in previous grant cycles.

Please submit all funding requests to:

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Electronic submittals are acceptable as long as they are complete.

MTC will transmit the draft program to applicants for review by January 7, 2011. The final program will be presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee and Commission for approval in February, and will be amended into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) following the Commission action. A detailed timeline is enclosed as Attachment C.

The regional POP and Project Applications are due to the Caltrans District 4 office by January 31, 2011. MTC will submit a draft POP and will follow-up with a final after the Commission approves the program in February. Agencies are responsible for submitting the Project Applications to Caltrans by January 31, 2011 based on the draft POP released by MTC. The FY 2011 application forms are available on the Caltrans Section 5311 website:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5311.html>.

The Caltrans contact person for Section 5311 funds is Mercy Lam, who can be reached at (510) 286-5520, or via email: Mercy_Lam@dot.ca.gov.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program or the funding objectives and criteria, please contact Kristen Mazur at (510) 817-5789 or kmazur@mtc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Director, Programming and Allocations

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